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**PURCHASES** 

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- 1. IN MARCH BANK OF ITALY REDUCED ITS HOLDINGS OF TREASURY BILLS BY 269 BILLION LIRE, DESTROYING MONETARY BASE BY EQUAL AMOUNT. TOTAL BANK OF ITALY BILL PURCHASES IN MARCH WERE 2,779 BILLION LIRE, WHILE ITS HOLDINGS OF MATURING BILLS IN AMOUNT OF 3,048 BILLION LIRE WERE REDEEMED, FOR NOT REDUCTION IN CENTRAL BANK CREDIT TO TREASURY OF 269 BILLION LIRE.
- 2. BANK OF ITALY PURCHASED RESIDUAL 1,179 BILLION LIRE OF BILLS OFFERED AT REGULAR MONTHLY BILL AUCTION (REFTEL) AND SUBSEQUENTLY TOOK DIRECT PLACEMENT OF 1,600 BILLION LIRE, 800 BILLION EACH OF 6 AND 12 MONTH MATURITIED.GARDNER

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